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Representative Steny Hoyer  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1705 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Hoyer:

Communities In Schools (CIS) commends you for introducing the Full Service Community Schools Act of 2005. From extensive experience as well as research, we know that community schools work. The Full Service Community Schools Act of 2005 provides a vital opportunity for the federal government to assist local efforts to engage citizens and bring communities together in support of students' success.

As you know, CIS is the nation's leading community-based network helping kids stay in school and prepare for life. CIS celebrates nearly three decades of building communities of help, hope and care for two million students every year, at almost 3,000 school sites in 28 states. We help students stay in school and make the right choices by connecting schools with needed community resources. By bringing resources, services, parents, and volunteers into schools, we create a community of caring adults who work hand in hand with educators. The result: Teachers are free to teach and students can concentrate on learning.

We wholeheartedly endorse your efforts to support community schools across the country.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Cardinali  
President

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